



*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

October 13, 2016

William H. Dwight
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendation for Funding

Chairman Dwight and City Councilors,

To encourage greater diversity of applicants for CPA funds, broaden community participation, and make applying less formidable, the Community Preservation Committee developed a 'Small Grants' process for funding requests of up to \$3,000.00, with a total project cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. The small grant process was developed to be simpler and less time consuming than the traditional application process, but small grant applicants must still demonstrate their eligibility for funding under the CPA. To expedite the availability of funding, Small Grants Recommendations are provided to City Council as soon as they are complete.

At the September 21, 2016 meeting, the Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend two Small Grant allocations of \$3,000 each to Historic Northampton for purchase of climate controlled museum collection shelving units for two of the Museum's important collections. The Gare Collection includes tools and documentation of the Gare silver shop that was located on Main Street for more than two centuries. The Pro Brush collection includes company records, photos, products and manufacturing tools from the long history of Florence's Pro Brush company. Both collections tell the story of the history of two businesses that played important roles in the history of Northampton, and CPA funding will allow them to be properly stored and available to the public.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, if additional information is needed, or the Committee's recommendations.

Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee